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USDA MEASURES ARIZONA VEGETABLE CHEMICAL USAGE

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – September 28, 2022 – Interviewers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will interview nearly 50 Arizona vegetable growers to gather information for the 2022 Vegetable Chemical Use Survey this fall.

The survey will collect information on acres treated, application rates for fertilizer and pesticide applications as well as pest management practices for five vegetable crops. In addition to Arizona, vegetable growers in 16 other states will also hear from NASS as the agency collects comprehensive U.S. vegetable production practices information.

“Growers benefit from providing their information because the resultant data will illustrate the industry’s environmental practices and assure the quality of U.S. food to consumers here and around the world,” said Rodger Ott, Director of the NASS Mountain Regional Field Office. “I encourage every grower to take the time to respond, if they receive this survey.”

The data will paint a detailed picture of fertilizer, pesticide use, and other pest management practices used by the vegetable growers across the nation. To conduct the survey, NASS representatives will call growers to arrange a phone or in-person interview. Growers are encouraged to have their spray records available for reference. If these services were contracted, growers should be prepared to give consent to access these records.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents. The information growers provide will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with federal law, responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form.

The data will be published online in NASS’s Quick Stats database next year. This database and all NASS reports are available on nass.usda.gov/Publications. For more information, call the USDA NASS Arizona State Statistician, Dave Dewalt, at 1-800-392-3202.

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